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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 26-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 26-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to an amendment filed 10/24/05. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 26-33 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 31-33 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding claim 31, the Applicant argues on page 10, lines 2-7 that “Applicants respectfully point out that claim 31 recites the *distinction* between the *first* interface, capable of receiving Bluetooth standard radio frequency signals containing configuration information, and the *second* network interface of the network appliance, the second network interface to operate based on the configuration information. Lioy specifically fails to teach a network interface distinct from the wireless interface”. The examiner disagrees with this argument. Lioy teaches a TE2 device interface [i.e., second network interface] distinct from the MT2 device interface [i.e., wireless interface] (see fig.1, items 102, 104). Thus the rejection of the claim in view of Lioy remains.

3. The affidavit filed on May 12, 2005 under **37 CFR 1.131** has been already considered in the previous action and the response for the affidavit has been already given in the previous action.

However, the applicant argues on page 7, lines 12-13 “in light of MPEP 715.07, the exhibit supplied with Applicant's declaration need not recite each and every limitation”. Examiner disagrees with this argument. According to MPEP 2138.04 [R-1], in establishing

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conception a party must show possession of every feature recited in the count, and that every limitation of the count must have been known to the inventor at the time of the alleged conception. Conception must be proved by corroborating evidence.

The applicant further argues on page 7, line 22- page 8, line 3 “Applicant submit that one skilled in the art would understand the recitation in the exhibit to inherently include circuitry to receive the configuration data and to configure a network interface of the server to provide network functionality”. Examiner again disagrees this argument. The applicant is respectfully requested to submit the support for the inherency. The evidence submitted fails to explain as to how “circuitry coupled with the infrared device” receives the configuration data and configures a network interface of the server to provide network functionality based, at least in part, on the network configuration data. One of ordinary skill in the art would not be able to establish the claimed “circuitry coupled with the infrared device” to receive the configuration data and to configure a network interface of the server to provide network functionality without undue experimentation.

Further, No evidences were provided to support the statement that applicants exercised due diligence from 02/23/2001 to the filing date of the current application.

4. The affidavit filed on October 24, 2005 under **37 CFR 1.132** has been considered but is ineffective to change the invention date of the current application.

5. The evidence submitted is insufficient to establish a conception of the invention prior to February 23, 2001. While conception is the mental part of the inventive act, it must be capable of proof, such as by demonstrative evidence or by a complete disclosure to another. Conception

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is more than a vague idea of how to solve a problem. The requisite means themselves and their interaction must also be comprehended. See *Mergenthaler v. Scudder*, 1897 C.D. 724, 81 O.G. 1417 (D.C. Cir. 1897).

The complete claimed invention was not conceived prior to the date of the February 23, 2001, because the attached Invention Disclosure No. 17414; docket number P11045 does not support all the claimed limitations recited in claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, 26 and 28-30. For example, the limitation "circuitry coupled with the infrared device to receive the configuration data and to configure a network interface of the server to provide network functionality based, at least in part, on the network configuration data" is not disclosed in the document.

Further, No evidences were provided to support the statement that applicants exercised due diligence from 02/23/2001 to the filing date of the current application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1, 3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724).

Regarding claim 1, Kaiser teaches an infrared interface to receive infrared signals communicating network configuration data for the server (abstract; fig.1, 4; page 6, paragraphs 0045, 0047).

Kaiser further teaches circuitry coupled with the infrared device to receive the configuration data and to configure a second network interface of the server to provide network functionality based, at least in part, on the network configuration data (fig.1, 4; page 6, paragraphs 0045, 0047, 0048).

Regarding claim 3, Kaiser teaches an Internet Protocol address (page 2, paragraph 0018).

Regarding claim 7, Kaiser teaches the server further comprises inherently an infrared interface cover (page 6, paragraph 0045).

8. Claims 1, 3, 7, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hollstrom et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,968,365).

Regarding claim 1, Hollstrom teaches an infrared interface to receive infrared signals communicating network configuration data for the WAP Server Module [i.e., server] (abstract; fig.1; col.3, lines 34-40, 60-64, col.4, lines 48-62).

Hollstrom further teaches circuitry coupled with the infrared device to receive the configuration data and to configure a second network interface of the server to provide network functionality based, at least in part, on the network configuration data (abstract; fig.1; col.3, lines 34-40, col.4, lines 48-62).

Regarding claims 3 and 28, Hollstrom teaches an Internet Protocol address (col.4, lines 48-62).

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Regarding claim 7, Hollstrom teaches the server further comprises inherently an infrared interface cover (col.4, lines 48-62).

Regarding claim 26 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Hollstrom teaches an interface to receive electromagnetic signals [i.e., radio frequency signals] communicating network configuration data for the server (abstract; fig.1; col.3, lines 34-40, col.4, lines 4-8, 48-62).

Hollstrom further teaches a Bluetooth protocol (col.4, lines 4-8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

11. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) and in view of Linares et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,032).

Regarding claim 2, Kaiser fails to teach “a rack-mounted server”. Linares teaches a rack-mounted module [i.e., server] (col.1, lines 56-58, col.2, lines 60-62). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kaiser to allow a rack-mounted server as taught by Linares. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order to provide support guides for the module.

12. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) and in view of Charlier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,877).

Regarding claim 4, Kaiser fails to teach “a personal digital assistant (PDA)”. Charlier teaches a personal digital assistant (PDA) (col.4, lines 27-46). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kaiser to allow a personal digital assistant (PDA) as taught by Charlier. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order to have the quick access to the device.

13. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) and in view of Sheridan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,032).

Regarding claim 8, Kaiser fails to teach “a liquid crystal display (LCD) to display an indication of the configuration data received via the wireless interface”. Sheridan teaches that a liquid crystal display (LCD) to display an indication of the configuration data received via the wireless interface (abstract; col.2, lines 41-46). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kaiser to incorporate a liquid crystal display (LCD) to display an indication of the configuration data received via the wireless interface as taught by Sheridan. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order to display the configuration information.

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14. Claims 12, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) and in view of Hollstrom et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,968,365).

Regarding claim 12, Lioy teaches receiving wireless signals containing the configuration information via a wireless communication device [i.e., first interface] (abstract; fig.1, fig.2, fig.3A; col.1, lines 65-67, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-37).

Lioy further teaches unframing [i.e., converting] the framed packets [i.e., decoded signals] to machine-accessible configuration information (col.6, lines 30-52).

Lioy further teaches configuring a mobile terminal equipment TE2 [i.e., second network interface] of the mobile station (MS) 103 [network appliance] to operate based on the configuration information (abstract; fig.1, fig.3A; col.1, lines 65-67, col.3, line 53-col.4, line 22, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-52). (Note; since the TE2 unit made a request for the IP address and IP address is assigned based on the negotiation over the U_m link, it is clear that the IP address is for configuring the unit)

However, Lioy does not specifically teach “infrared signals”. Hollstrom teaches infrared signals (fig.1; col.3, lines 60-64). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lioy to allow infrared signals as taught by Hollstrom. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order to process data signals.

Regarding claim 15 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 12. Furthermore, Lioy teaches that the wireless device further comprises a device capable of generating, coding and transmitting a radio frequency signal (abstract; col.3, line 53-col.4, line 22, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-52).

Regarding claim 16 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 15.

Regarding claim 19, Lioy teaches an Internet Protocol address (abstract; col.6, lines 1-4).

15. Claim 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) in view of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553).

Regarding claim 26 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1. Furthermore, Kaiser teaches an interface to receive electromagnetic signals [i.e., radio frequency signals] communicating network configuration data for the server (abstract; fig.1, 4; page 6, paragraphs 0045, 0047, 0048).

However, Kaiser fails to teach "a Bluetooth protocol". Lioy teaches a Bluetooth protocol (col.3, lines 7-28). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Kaiser to allow a Bluetooth protocol as taught by Lioy. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order to provide a standard for communicating over a short range.

Regarding claim 28 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 3.

16. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) in view of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) further in view of Linares et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,032).

Regarding claim 27 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 2.

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17. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) in view of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) further in view of Charlier et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,577,877).

Regarding claim 29 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 4.

18. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaiser et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0120724) in view of Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) further in view of Sheridan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,032).

Regarding claim 30 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 8.

19. Claims 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lioy (U.S. Patent No. 6,775,553) in view of Hollstrom et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,968,365).

Regarding claim 31, Lioy teaches receiving radio frequency signals conforming to a Bluetooth standard containing configuration information via a wireless communication device interface [i.e., first interface] (abstract; fig.1, fig.2, fig.3A; col.1, lines 65-67, col.3, lines 7-28, 53-67, col.4, lines 1-22, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-37, col.7, lines 60-62).

However, Lioy does not specifically teach receiving radio frequency signals conforming to a Bluetooth standard via a first interface. Hollstrom teaches receiving radio frequency signals conforming to a Bluetooth standard via a first interface (fig.1; col.4, lines 4-8). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lioy to receive radio frequency signals conforming to a Bluetooth standard via a first interface as taught by Hollstrom. The motivation for the modification is to have doing so in order

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to provide radio frequency signal conforming to a standard for communicating over a short range.

Lioy further teaches unframing [i.e., converting] the framed packets [i.e., radio frequency signals] to machine-accessible configuration information (col.6, lines 30-52).

Lioy further teaches configuring a mobile terminal equipment TE2 interface [i.e., second network interface] of the mobile station (MS) 103 [network appliance] to operate based on the configuration information (abstract; fig.1, fig.3A; col.1, lines 65-67, col.3, line 53-col.4, line 22, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-52). (Note; since the TE2 unit made a request for the IP address and IP address is assigned based on the negotiation over the U_m link, it is clear that the IP address is for configuring the unit)

Regarding claim 32, Lioy teaches that the wireless device further comprises a device capable of generating, coding and transmitting a radio frequency signal conforming to the Bluetooth standard (abstract; col.3, line 53-col.4, line 22, col.6, lines 1-4, 30-52).

Regarding claim 33, Lioy teaches an Internet Protocol address (abstract; col.6, lines 1-4).

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Toth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,708,655) teach Method and apparatus for addressing a wireless communication station with a dynamically-assigned address, Ludwig et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,352) teach Communication device and method and Singhal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,975,864) teach Seamless user mobility in a short-range wireless networking environment.

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21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Md S. Elahee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7536. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon to Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

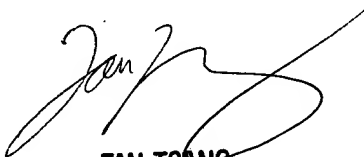
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